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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

This Amendment is in reply to an Office action concerning the above patent application. A petition and fee for a three month extension of time is attached extending the due date to March 24, 2003. Favorable consideration in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Approval is respectfully requested of the proposed drawing correction to Figure 8 as marked in red on the attached informal drawing.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please **amend** claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21 and 26 as follows:

1.(Twice Amended) A uniformly flexible stent for holding open a blood vessel comprising:

a. a first loop containing section, said first loop containing section arranged generally in a circumferential direction, the loops in said first loop containing section occurring at a first frequency;

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